Ye Fireside Gossip By A. B. C.

OH YOU kid-A. B. C. is . . . ON VACATION at NASHVILLE, Tenn., HAVING the time OF HIS life. SO LONG as he's HAPPY we're TICKLED to death. TOO Busy at

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Francis H. Bohlen, of Philadelphia, one of the owners of the island, said it was optioned up to February or March, 1917, at \$1,000 an acre. Beginning negotiations in June, twice that sum was paid for the land.

Mr. Towle, who was an Omaha civil accined was sent to supervise the TO Pass THE "BUCK." engineer, was sent to supervise the construction of the yard on the bar-ren island. Inefficiency and delay were evident everywhere, he said. Sometimes 1,300 freight cars waited to

Policy of Ship Board.

J. H. Towle Testifies Emer-

gency Fleet Corporation

Merely Expostulated.

"Did the Shipping Board direct you to remedy the situatioh?" asked Senator Nelson.

"That was not the board's policy."

"What was the policy" asked Senator Johnson, of California.

"The Emergency Fleet Corporation took the stand that the American International Corporation assumed all

responsibility, and that the fleet cor-poration should not interfere."

"The American International Cor-poration did as it pleased?" inquir-

ed Senator Jones of Washington.

"The situation has been changed, has it not?" asked Senator Nelson. "Yes. I understand Admiral Bowles went there last week with full authority to supervise."

Mr. Towles said he was regarded by the A. I. C. people as an "unfriendly critic," because he expressed himself freely.

Johnson—"As a matter of fact, all the Emergency Fleet Corporation."

the Emergency Fleet Corporation did was merely to expostulate?" Towles-"Yes." Testimony ran that R. L. Hunt,

T. Pierce and Thomas B. Reed CHANGES IN TRAFFIC were hired as press agents at \$800, \$500 and \$500 monthly. "Were they employed to boost the corporation?" questioned Sena-

First Steps Taken to Enforce Street

Car Improvements.

Orders were issued yesterday by the Public Utilities Commission by which the Capital Traction Commission the Capital Traction Commission to the Capital Traction Commissio

ors.

These orders contain provisions or double-berthing of street cars;

It developed that Holbrook, Cafor double-berthing of street cars; elimination of a number of stopping places, creation of others; revision of schedules of the Capital Traction which \$335,000 profit was to be

Company; and the introduction of realized.

front-end fare collectors at principal stopping points to facilitate in ago, Sto It also came out that thirty days ago. Stone and Webster who are interested in the yard, agreed to furnish experts from their Boston office for consultation, at 100 per cent advance over their regular On Pennsylvania avenue at Four-teenth street, as at present. On Fifteenth street at the south salarie. The government was to pay this advance. It was explained that the usual custom was to charge private individuals three On New York avenue immediate-ly east of the junction of New York and Pennsylvania avenues and Fif-times the men's salaries.

On Pennsylvania avenue just west Mr. Bohlen, who is a law profes-sor at the University of Pennsyl-vania, owned 400 of the 846 acres of its junction with New York avenue and Fifteenth street. On Fourteenth street north of H used on the island for the shipyards Charles N. Black, of New York, and

One night in June, 1917, said Mr. U. S. SHIPPING PLAN

One night in June, 1917, said Mr. Bohlen, a Philadelphia man named Steinmetz telephoned his first intimation that the property was desired. He and Steinmetz went to New York and visited offices which New York and visited offices which New York and visited offices which seemed to be both Stone and Web-ster's, and the American Interna-tional Corporation's. A "Mr. Con-nick" and Vice President Stevens, Zone Directorates Will Be Estab-Government shipbuilding is to be \$2,000 an acre.

A price of \$2,000 was agreed

A price of \$2,000 was agreed of the Corporation refused to pay speeded by decentralizing the Ship-

speeded by decentralizing the Shipping Board's power in six shipyard zone directorates, supervised by the six most capable shipbuilders obtainable.

There will be three zones on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, two on the Pacific and one on the Great Lakes, comprising 132 shipyards.

Appointment of the six directors Appointment of the six directors property.

Appointment of the six directors has not been made, but organization will be delayed scarcely at all following the board's choice, as there is already a field personnel of district managers, and they will re-

district managers, and they will remain.

The zone directors are to have full authority in operations within their respective jurisdiction, not only effecting a closer supervision, but relieving the board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation of island.

Emergency Fleet Corporation of island, much detail.

The men to be selected will be the heads of the leading shipbuilding companies in the zone affected. To Museum Collection

Arrangements for the reception of the collection of paintings, miniatures, ivories, statues and bronzes left the National Gallery of Art by Mrs. Mary Houston Eddy have been completed by National Museum officials and the ection soon will be placed on ex-

It was left to the museum upon condition that the entire collection be exhibited as a whole.

Policeman Falls on Ice; Bruises Hip, Shoulder

Patrolman D. L. O'Brien, of the Seventh precinct, living at 2114 Thirty-fifth street northwest, fell on the icy sidewalk in front of his home. yesterday afternoon, and received bruises about the hip and shoulder. He was treated by Dr. H. W. Law-

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SAYS MILLIONS **WERE WASTED** NOT EXEMPTED AT HOG ISLAND FROM TAX LAW

All Receiving Salaries in Excess of Sums Named Must Pay.

More startling revelations about the Hog Island shippard came out yes-terday before the Senate Commerce "Unless it is impressed upon Federal and District government employes that they are subject to the Committee.

John H. Towle, who represented the
Emergency Fleet Corporation at the
Island, admitted that millions were
wasted in construction, while the fleet income tax, many will be penalized for failure to make returns. There seems to be a widespread opinion that the tax does not apply to this corporation merely expostulated with the American International Corporaclass of residents."

This was the warning given yesterday by one of the deputy com-missioners of internal revenue aiding Washington taxpayers to make out their income tax returns. The salaries of officials and employes of a State or political subdivision of a State such as a city, county, town or village are exempt from the income tax provisions of the war revenue act of October 3, 1917. but the exemption does not extend to employes of the United States government. The Treasury De-partment has ruled that as District employes are paid under the half-and-half plan, they also are sub-ject to the income tax. Returns are required of every unmarried person in Federal or local govern-ment service whose net income for ment service whose net income for 1917 was \$1,000 or more and of every married person whose net in-come was \$2,000 or more.

Penalty for Slackers

The penalty for failure to make return on time is a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$1,000 and, in addition, 50 per cent of the "Yes."

in addition, 50 per cent of the tax due. As every government department is required to file with the partment is required to file with the Commissioner of Internal Revenue are partment is required to file with the commissioner of the wages of \$800 or a report of the wages of \$800 or a rep

a report of the wages of \$800 or more paid to each employe during the year, there will be no difficulty in checking up delinquents. Hundreds of District taxpayers are taking advantage of the free service offered by the revenue offi-cers at the Legal Building, Eighth and G streets northwest, to file their returns. returns.

Some novel questions are pre-sented to the government experts. One young woman confessed that her principal source of income is

"Freddle and I have had a little disagreement and the court award-ed me \$150 a month. How much will the tax be?" she inquired.
She was told alimony is not taxable income and that her ex-husband would be allowed no deductions for the payments made her in filing the return of his own income

pany must put into operation recommendations made by John A. Beeler, consulting engineer of the commission, in the first section of his report on local traffic conditions that will help run down scoundrels?" Towle—"I don't know a great deal about it of my personal knowledge. Most of the men were fair.

24,000 Present Count; Fuel Lack and Weather Cause.

consumer represented twice the cost

Sangster said that increased cost saturd of labor and materials had been taken into consideration when experts Public were engaged in compiling valuation

C. OF C. WILL HEAR STORIES FROM FRONT

Representative Albert Johnson, of Washington, will tell members of the Chamber of Commerce some of his experiences in the war zone at a special meeting of the chamber at II Twelfth street northwest, Tues-

Members of the chamber's W. S. S. committee selected yesterday by President A. Leftwich Sinclair are: James M. Denty, chairman; F. W. Bolgiano, vice chairman; Dr. Arthur Ramsay, Judge Milton Strasburger, and J. Leo Kolb.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

District of Columbia: Fair today and tomor-ow; not much change in temperature; moderate scaterly winds. Virginia: Fair and somewhat colder today; comorrow fair; moderate westerly winds. Marsland Fair and slightly colder today; to-morrow fair; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Midnight, 32; 2a. m., 31; 4a. m., 31; 6a. m.,
31; 8a. m., 31; 10 a. m., 32; 12 noon, 35; 2p. m.,
36; 4 p. m., 39; 6 p. m., 49; 8 p. m., 58; 10
p. m., 41. Highest, 41; lowest, 30. Relative humidity—3 a. m., 92; 2 p. m., 99; 8 p. m., 96;
Rainfall (8 p. m. to 8 p. m.), 0.96. Hours of sunshine, 3.66. Per cent of possible sunshine, 29.
Departures—Accumulated deficiency of temperature since Farnuary 1, 1918, 33; deficiency of temperature since February 1, 1918, 43; socumulated deficiency of precipitation since January 1, 1918, 06; deficiency of precipitation since February 1, 1918, 626. ary 1, 1918, 0.98. Temperature sar perature same date jast year-Highest, 44

OTHER TEMPERATURES.

Highest last Rain-today night, 8 p. m. fall. 33 14 38 0.39 30 24 30 0.14 ... 22 ... 8. 56 6 25 ... e8 6 56 64 ... ing 22 38 0.14 Chicago, Ill.....

(Compiled by the United States Coast Geodetic Survey.) Low tide, 1:22 a. m. and 1:31 p. m.; high tide, a. m. and 7:25 p. m.

CONDITION OF THE WATER. Temperature and condition of water yesterday: reat Falls—Temperature, 33; condition, very oudy. Dalecarlia reservoir—Temperature, 35; indition at north connection, misty; condition is south connection, very clear. Georgetown stributing reservoir—Temperature, 34; condition influent gatehouse, very clear; condition at fluent gatehouse, very clear.

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Seven Above the Freezing Point-Thaw Predicted



Could you have recognized her before she unmasked? she unmasked? A lot of Lake folks thought they could, too. But while deep in the processes of deduction they went snow-blind and had to give it up. Being a daughter of one of Salt Lake's first families, she and a number of other prominent Utah maids were attending a conserva-Statements made by officials of the Washington Gas Light Company, at the re-opening of the hearing for increased gas rates, before the Public Utilities Commission yesterday, show that Washington's frozen gas pipes during the present winter increased from 2,400 of last winter, to 24,000. Lack of coal and the extreme cold weather was cited as causes of the big increase

Testimony taken yesterday was practically all purely technical. Andrew J. Sangster, expert accountant, who prepared figures for the valuation of the gas company for the utilities commission, and his assistant, J. H. Botz, were on the stand. The relative use of coal and oil in the manufacture of gas was brought out in an examination of Sangster.

THE TOWN CRIER.

o'clock this evening in the room of the Arts Club, 2017 I street northwest. arrangements for a patriotic meetof manufacture.

The cost of oil in the manufacturing cost of gas figures at 48 per cent, while the cost of coal represents 331-3 dance in the Crystl Room of the birl while the cost of manufacture.

The Collegiate Club of Washing-of the birl dance in the Crystl Room of the birl washing. New Ebbitt Hotel, at 8:30 o'clock 22.

Women, to be held tomorrow even-ing in the lodge room of the Arcade, Fourteenth street and Park road.

An afternoon performance of the Passion Play, for the especial ben-efit of teachers and school chil-

sociation, from 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon. They will be entertained. Headquarters art at Four-teenth and U streets.

Seciation, from 3 to 5 o'clock this February 11.

Charles W. Darr, of this city, the master of the Fourth degree for Maryland and the District of Col-

Falls by way of the Old Dominion car line. The total distance will not exceed five miles.

Unit No. 9 of the Harriet Tubm: branch, District Red Cross, is to take the oath of allegiance to the United States at 4 o'clock this after-noon. The ceremony is to be held at 1600 13th street northwest, and an invitation is extended to the public to be present.

The service fing of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, at Connecticut avenue and Bancroft place, bearing 80 stars, will be raised today at the morning service. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith, rector of the church, will make the presentation address.

Rev. D. Berryman Green, dean of the Alexandria Theological Semin-ary, will preach in Epiphany Prot-estant Episcopal Church this morn-

A meeting of importance will be held at the Y. M. H. A. rooms, 1342 Pennsylvania avenue, this after-noon at 3:30 o'clock.

boards will attend ...

for dances and entertainments which ould not be given in their own homes.

In one dancing club we have a membership of over 100 men and women of the neighborhood. I am sure that if the girls and boys who have come here to help win the war but come to these gatherings it will do much to dispel the gloom and loneliness which always come with living in a

extend personal invitations to the Congress will probably be asked to pass an amendment to the emergency

bill providing funds for opening the Central High School as a central club get in touch with the secretary of the center most convenient to you. The secretary will introduce you to the other members of the club and you will soon feel entirely at home, and you will find that the people who attend the gatherings are recipie of the kind you would want to know."

The "Over the 10p star "Over the 10p star of the convenient and blue-eyed as a Christman doll.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. White, Harry Jose Coranado, of the Pan-American Union, were the others present at the supper. easy reach of girls living in the cen-tral part of the city, and that the splendid high school building with its fine auditorium could be utilized to

better the condition of government Plans under consideration call for Plans under consideration call for an appropriation of \$15,000 to carry on this work. This would provide instructors in dancing, club leaders, pianists, janitor service and everything necessary to provide for the social needs of the young folks. Finding and health division of the cial needs of the young folks. Funds war Department, Mrs. Archibald Hopnow provided for community center kins, of the local Council of Defense work have been exhausted and the and others who are interested in the additional appropriation will be nec-

PASTORS TO URGE

Board.

K. OF C. WILL HOLD

Ask Congressional Aid.

and community center.
This would mean that a swimming

pool and symnasium would be within

ing in the Recreation Halls at all of the cantonments and camps in the United States to celebrate the birth of Washington, on February

Saturday evening, February 16.

A meeting of the Congress Heights
Public Improvements Association
will be held at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow evening at Loeffler's Hotel.

Future war work will be the topic for discussion and decision at a meeting of the Legion of Loyal

a meeting of the Legion of Loyal

Speakers of national distinction from all parts of the country will deliver patriotic addresses in the camps and programs of a patriotic nature, befitting the day and the spirit of the times, will be arranged by the masters of the degree and the silective service act, men may be their committees.

The meeting to be held at Camp Connecticut avenue northwest. Speakers of national distinction heir committees.

The meeting to be held at Camp

Meade is under the direction of the master for Maryland and the Dis trict of Columbia, and he is bein assisted by the officers of the de-gree in Baltimore and Washington, efit of teachers and school children will be given this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Gonzaga Hall.

Young women strangers in Washington are invited to headquarters of the Young Women's Hebrew Aspeakers and the program will be announced the first of the week of secretion from 3 to 5 o'clock this February 11.

teenth and U streets.

"Irlah Home Rule Versus Independence" is the title of an address to be made by George A. Warren at the meeting of the Washington Secular League at Pythian Temple today at 3 p. m. An open-forum discussion of the subject will follow.

A hike is to be taken by the wantage of the war activities fund of the order.

Maryland and the Discussion of his assignment as the speaker at Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Carolina. The order wishes to emphasize the fact that the expenses of these meetings are paid out of the Fourth degree fund of the order and no part of it is charged to or taken from the war activities fund of the order. NEW YORK HOTEL ARRIVALS.

New York, Feb. 9.—Washingtonians egistered at hotels here include: Grand—H. H. Chapin, D. L. Slusher. Navarre—A. T. Durlin, A. C. Goetz. Flanders—F. D. Jones, R. Kane, L. Herald Square-J. A. Reilly, Mrs. I.

Weiton,
Woodward-C. B. Savage,
Arlington-W. V. Bottom,
New Strand-M. E. Kahn, M.
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LOCAL MENTION.

A meeting of importance will be held at the Y. M. H. A. rooms, 1342 Pennsylvania avenue, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Robert L. Dickinson, member of the war work council of the Y. W. C. A., will address the Howard Young Women's Christian' Association on "What the University Girl Can Do in the Present Crisis," It his afternoon at 4:30 o'clock in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel, Howard Campus.

Washington Alumni of the University of Pennsylvania will celebrate Founders Dry by a war dinner at the University Club, Friday evening, February 22. Representatives of the allied governments, the army and navy and several war boards will attend.

Gunpowder tea. 44e and 39c; Star cocoa, 25c; white potatoes, 3c lb.; onlons, 3c lb.; starch, 7½c; Argo code, 25c; Cabin syrup, 20c; Va. Sweet pancake flour, 12½c; A. J. pancake flour, 12½c; A. J. buckwheat, 12½c; wan Camp beans, 17c; red kidney beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. Van Camp beans, 17c; liar beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. Van Camp beans, 17c; liar beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. Van Camp beans, 17c; liar beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. Van Camp beans, 17c; liar beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. Van Camp beans, 17c; liar beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. Van Camp beans, 17c; liar beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. Van Camp beans, 17c; liar beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. van Camp beans, 17c; liar beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. baking powder, 15c; large beans, 15c; diagram beans, 17c; ozs. baking powder, 15c; large beans, 15c; diagram beans, 17c; red kidney beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. baking powder, 15c; large beans, 15c; diagram beans, 17c; red kidney beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. baking powder, 15c; large beans, 17c; bina caroni or spaghetti, 12c; 21 ozs. ba

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definitely after the war-will be sub-mitted Monday.

PRIZE-BEAUTIES DINE AT SHOREHAM HOTEL

Eola Rice and Justine Johnstone Are Opposite Types.

Across the table from each other at an after-theater-supper at the reham last night, sat the prettiest Snorenan has hight, eat the prettiest girl in Washington and the prettiest girl in America, according to artists. The Washington girl was Miss Eola Rice, who came off with first honors in a District of Columbia beauty con-

Miss Norton requests that all clerks or enlisted men who desire to be given an opportunity for social companionship will communicate with her. Miss Norton has headquarters at the Franklin High School, Thirteenth and K streets northwest.

"I hope that newcomers will not feel timid about joining in these community affairs," said Miss Norton. "Aft that it is necessary to do is get in touch with the secretary of the center most convenient to you. The secretary will introduce you to the secretary will be united States was Justine Johnstone, the blonde maiden who leads the "Over the Top" company.

Two more contrasting types could hardly be imagined than Miss Rice and Miss Johnstone. Miss Rice is of the pronouncedly Southern type, dark haired and eyed, with a hish color. The "Over the Top" company.

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PATRIOTIC MEETINGS

LABOR CORPS NEDS

Fourth Degree Members Plan Feb.

22 Exercises for Camps.

The Knights of Columbus, through the Fourth degree, the patriotic branch of the order, are making arrangements for a patriotic meet
Pastors of District churches will ask to the Y. M. C. A. Leading parts will be presented under the direction of Mino J. Malori, dramatic instructor of the Y. M. C. A. Leading parts will be assumed by Messra Malori and Meek and the Misses Estelle Allen, Meek and the Misses Estelle Alice Whitcomb, Lois Meek and

Resolutions asking this action were Grace Liscomb.

adopted at a meeting of the District Following will occur a general sociat for which a number of lively diverternoon at the request of the Council sions have been planned The public is invited. Soldiers and government clerks who because of limited acquaintanceship here have

of National Defense. The District's quota in the labor reserve is 1,390 men. The men will work in shipbuildbeen unable to find the social life to which they were acustomed at thet homes, are especially urged to attend. The Herald, Daily one cent,

MAY BE

Measure Termed War Leg-Pershing Says Men in the Trenches Work Just as Hard.

A declaration that the administration railroad bill neither commits the government to public ownership or control, nor opposes it, featured yesterday's favorable report on the measure by the House interstate Commerce Committee.

"This measure is war legislation intended to meet the essential needs growing out of the Federal control of our great carrier systems," the report said.

"It is not to be regarded as a bill for government ownership or control of railroads, or against government control or ownership of railroads. It undertakes to provide for war needs and only for them."

A section permitting the President to pay recently reorganized railroads on a higher basis than the three-year average is emphasized as a matter of justice to security-holders of "nontypical lines."

"There has been discussion as to the justice of the proposed basis of return," the report continues. Your committee has dealt with that as a practical question. It is probable that any court would take an average of earnings for some reasonable period as persuasive, perhaps conclusive evidence, of a just compensation."

Minority reports—by Representative Esch, of Wisconsin, favoring ratemaking by the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Stephens, of Nebraska, favoring keeping the roads in definitely after the war—will be submitted Monday.

grawn will operate to reduce pay of present aviators, as well as that of fu-ture flyers. Ground men are also in-cluded as being unable to receive higher pay than the regular scale.

Phone Rate Hearings Will Reopen Thursday

The Public Utilities Commission will re-open the hearing of the telephone o npany for increased rates Thurs day morning in the board room of the District Building at 10:10 o'clock. Vigorous protest against the re-quests for the increased rates by the company have come from representatives of citizen associations and trade bodies.

E. E. Clement, of the Board of Trade, and Jesse Crawford, of the Federation of Citizens' Associations will probably be present. A brief will be field by interested citizens.

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